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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

On behalf of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM), I write to express support for the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (WRDA 2018). Your continued leadership in maintaining and improving U.S. infrastructure through critical pieces of legislation such as WRDA is to be commended. Much like its reauthorization in 2014 and 2016, WRDA 2018 remains a prime example of how bipartisanship can drive sound infrastructure policy and how important it is for the federal government to play a strong role in infrastructure investment.

WRDA 2018 ensures predictability and stability for needed investments in ports, inland waterways, locks and dams. These assets are all critical to moving manufactured goods from equipment manufacturing facilities to their customers and in supporting the efficient shipment of agriculture products. They are vital in supporting the 1.3 million jobs created by the equipment industry and the \$159 billion contribution it makes to the U.S. economy every year.

AEM members are proud to manufacture equipment that builds, feeds, connects, and powers communities across the U.S. We look forward to working with you on future efforts to ensure federal infrastructure investment remains predictable and consistent. Thank you again for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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